

## WOULD CONTINUE SCHOOL INQUIRY

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out be, at this time, forwarded to the board for their consideration, with the suggestion that the board should take these most important matters up at the proper time and prosecute such investigation.

(c) Your committee went at length into the question of the curriculum in the elementary grades in order to determine whether or not the present course was better and a more practical and efficient course suggested in lieu of that now in vogue, as required by the second section of the resolution under which it was acting.

(d) Your committee is of opinion that conditions in the elementary grades of schools where about 90 per cent of the school population receive their entire education, are not what they should be in the elementary grades. The present course of study is not preparing our children to earn a living or giving them the fundamental education desired. Many grades are unquestionably overcrowded in course of study as well as in the number of pupils, and these could be improved by eliminating parts of the course which are too hard or difficult for the average pupil, and by giving more time to the regular subject matter and the lower grades the course is too crowded and the subjects too varied to teach with that degree of thoroughness necessary. The time allotted to the essentials has been materially decreased in the last few years, which, in the opinion of your committee, is a serious detriment to the proper training of the children.

(e) Your committee is convinced that supervised writing, which has now omitted in the first grade should be all introduced in that grade, and more time given to same in all the primary grades.

(f) That the course in reading throughout the entire school should be revised and a more graduated course in accordance with the capacity of the children in the several grades introduced, and more attention given to teaching the meaning and understanding of the books read.

(g) That the arithmetic course in the primary grades should be confined to the four fundamental principles and a thorough drill given to secure accuracy and rapidity, omitting during the first three years problems of more than one operation.

(h) In the grammar grades in mathematics all work which is not of practical value, such as compound proportion, partial payments and difficult problems in stocks and bonds should be eliminated, and the course in those years not the best and should be superseded by better graded text books.

(i) Your committee believes that the course of spelling is too long for the time allotted, and many of the words too difficult in the several grades. The more important words, and that whatever instruction is given in drawing and manual training in the remaining grades should be done entirely in the Hudson Valley and the new course should be practical and systematically progressive, thus giving some substantial training if any is attempted.

(j) Technical work should not be attempted during the first three years and no allotment of time should be made for physical exercises, but same should be left to the discretion of the teacher, and in the higher grades the character of exercises are not such as should be conducted in a mixed class of boys and girls, and when the pupils are not properly attired for that character of exercises.

(k) Your committee has been struck throughout this investigation by the apparent lack of cheerful and systematic co-operation between the school officials—board, principals and teachers—and feel that the remedy has not been given that latitude in the conduct of their classes which is necessary for the proper education of our children. They have been tied down by rigid rules and regulations and over-crowded courses, which have a tendency to discourage and demoralize both teacher and pupil.

(l) The group method as introduced should not be a compulsory measure and should only be employed in such grades and rooms as the superintendent thinks it can be successfully operated.

(m) The City School Board should become more deeply interested in school

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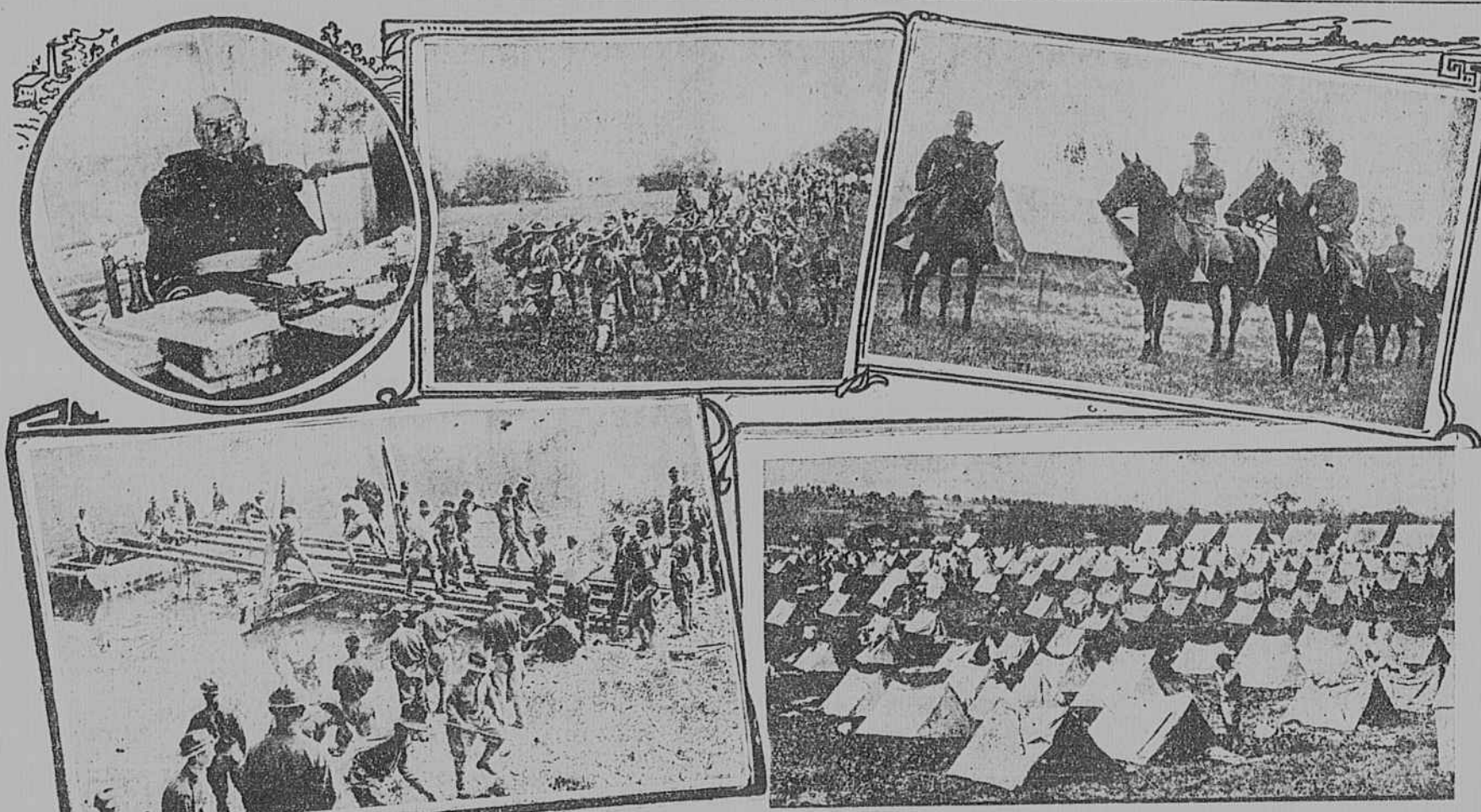
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## UNITED STATES SOLDIERS PLAYING THE WAR GAME



BRIGADIER-GENERAL TASKER H. BLISS, Commanding on Governor's Island, who is in command of the manoeuvres. Massachusetts militia constructing a bridge over a Connecticut stream.

Members of a Blue regiment in long hike across field, hill and dale to get into action.

In the centre General Tasker H. Bliss, chief umpire, and on his right Albert L. Mills, in command of the Blue army.

General view of the camp of a Blue regiment near Stratford, Conn.



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## SEVERAL NAMES ARE SUGGESTED

Much Speculation as to Successor to Adjutant-General Leinster.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 14.—Speculation as to the probable successor to Adjutant-General Leinster, who was buried at Statesville to-day, is rife here. Applications to Governor Kitchen are now in order, and are understood to be coming in both from military men personally, and from friends in behalf of various military men.

Numbers of military men who are not themselves aspirants are urging that there should be some sort of an understanding reached by Governor Kitchen and Honorable Locks Craig, who is to be the next Governor, so that the adjutant-generalship can be offered to some substantial military man who could afford to take it just for the remainder of Governor Kitchen's term, which has only four months to run. Nothing has developed yet to indicate just who are the active candidates for the place. Raleigh men being mentioned are Major J. J. Korman, there is speculation also as to the promotion by Assistant Adjutant-General Gordon Smith, who is now acting adjutant-general, and there is mention of the name of Colonel Z. P. Smith, of Fayetteville, who is quite an enthusiast in the military man.

The Thrift Construction Company, of Charlotte, has been chartered with \$100,000 capital authorized and \$20,000 subscribed for developing suburban property, operating cotton mills and a substantial business. The incorporators are C. L. McLean, Adlai Osborne and J. W. Foss. Chartered have also been granted by The Blount Company, Greensboro, capital \$15,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed, by C. L. McLean and J. L. Boone, and others; the C. T. Weaver Company, Raleigh, capital \$10,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed, by J. L. Boone, C. T. Weaver and Manley W. Tree, for promoting newspaper circulation by voting contests in the United States and Canada; the Marsh Drug Company, Concord, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed, by M. L. Marsh and others.

The Agricultural Publishing Company, of Raleigh, which publishes the Progressive Farmer, amends its charter by changing its name to the Progressive Farmer Company, and increasing its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Editor Clarence P. Dr. B. W. Kilgore, J. S. Pearson and Dr. Tait Butler.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Salisbury, N. C., August 14.—E. S. Miller, register of deeds for Rowan County, was seriously burned by an explosion of gas in the courthouse in Salisbury to-day. A gas jet in a vault in the sheriff's office was left burning last night. Late in the night the gas was cut off on the mains and the jet left open. Later it was again turned on and the vault, which was closed securely, was jammed full of gas. To-day Mr. Miller opened the vault and struck a match to enable him to see, and a terrific explosion followed. The register of deeds was knocked across the room, his clothing blown from his body, and his hands, neck and face were burned to a blister. His hair was badly burned and his condition is precarious.

The explosion also knocked Deputy Sheriff E. C. Tolbert, formerly of Winston-Salem, out of a chair across the room, but his injuries are not serious. Mr. Miller was again turned on and the vault, which was closed securely, was jammed full of gas. To-day Mr. Miller opened the vault and struck a match to enable him to see, and a terrific explosion followed. The register of deeds was knocked across the room, his clothing blown from his body, and his hands, neck and face were burned to a blister. His hair was badly burned and his condition is precarious.

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